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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN FON MIN VISIT TO GREECE, 27 FEBRUARY TO 1 MAR 1975

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1. DURING MARCH 11 POLADS MEETING GREEK REP (MALLIKOURTIS) REPORTED ON FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 1 VISIT TO ATHENS BY ROMANIAN FONMIN MACOVESCU. CHARACTERIZING THE VISIT AS "SUCCESSFUL", GREEK REP SAID ON CSCE MACOVESCU STRESSED THAT CURRENT EUROPEAN SECURITY SYSTEM BASED ON EQUILIBRIUM MUST BE REPLACED BY A SYSTEM BASED ON LAW. ROMANIANS SAID THEY OPPOSE THE "STATUS QUO", BY WHICH THEY MEAN THE PREDOMINANCE OF THE SOVIET UNION AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE CURRENT EUROPEAN EMPHASIS ON BILATERAL RELATIONS REPLACED BY SYSTEM OF MULTI-LATERAL RELATIONS. ROMANIANS WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE ACTIVITY ON PART OF SMALL NATIONS, AND THEY BELIEVE CSCE FOLLOW-UP SHOULD INCLUDE COMMITTEE WITH BROAD PARTICIPATION.

2. ON ECONOMIC SUBJECTS, THE TWO COUNTRIES AGREED TO EXPLORE NEW AREAS FOR ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL AND CULTURAL COOPERATION INCLUDING ESTABLISHING AN INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THESE SUBJECTS.
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3. GREEK REP REPORTED AGREEMENT THAT ROMANIANS WILL OPEN CONSULATE AND INFORMATION BUREAU IN THESSALONIKI AND GREEKS WILL DO SAME IN CONSTANTA. FURTHERMORE, BOTH SIDES AGREED TO ABOLISH REQUIREMENT FOR VISAS IN EACH OTHER'S DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS. THE TWO

SIDES ALSO AGREED TO AN EXCHANGE OF UNIVERSITY STUDENTS.

4. THE TWO SIDES HAD SIMILAR VIEWS ON THE MIDDLE EAST AGREEING THAT ANY SETTLEMENT MUST INCLUDE GUARANTEE OF LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS, IN LINE WITH RECENT UNGA RESOLUTION ON PALESTINE. ITALIAN REP (FERRETTI) ASKED IF BOTH SIDES AGREED TO ABIDE BY ALL EARLIER UN RESOLUTIONS ON MIDDLE EAST AS WELL. GREEK REP REPLIED HE THOUGHT SO.

5. MACOVESCU RENEWED ROMANIAN INVITATION TO PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS TO VISIT BUCHAREST AND EXTENDED SIMILAR INVITATION TO FONMIN BITSIOS.

6. UK REP (MARGETSON) ASKED WHAT GREEK GOVERNMENT HOPES TO ACHIEVE IN SEEKING MORE ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH SOCIALIST COUNTRIES IN BALKANS. GREEK REP REPLIED THAT THESE COUNTRIES ARE INTERESTED IN USING GREEK PORTS, SUCH AS THESSALONIKI, TO FACILITATE TRADE, AND ATHENS THINKS THIS WOULD BE COMMERCIALLY ADVANTAGEOUS TO GREECE.
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